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BOOST CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY OUTPUT, EQUIPMENT

INCREASE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PRODUCTION -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 7 Feb 51

Laszlo Sandor, Minister for Construction, disclosed that construction industry production in 1951 will increase 18 percent. Despite laxity and shortcomings, significant results were attained last year. A little over 50,000 construction industry workers pledged 22 million forints of excess production during the party congress competition.

One of the chief aims of the construction industry is the mechanization of manually performed tasks. Toward this end, the construction industry will receive 150 million forints' worth of new machinery, which will also serve to fill the industry's shortage of 5,000 workers. For a fuller exploitation of machinery, earth-working machines and boom cranes may have to be run 20 hours and smaller machines, 14 hours a day. Mechanization and concentration of machinery will be carried out in specific areas. Further, overtime work will be cut down and finally abolished completely, the number of administrative and unproductive workers reduced, and the ratio of timeaccounting workers to production workers reduced from 20 to 10 percent.

The Stakhanovite school at Dunapentele, which recently completed a term, will be expanded and similar schools will be set up at larger construction sites across the country.

CONSTRUCTS CEMENT FACTORY -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 11 Feb 51

Construction was begun in December 1950, of the new cement factory at Hejocsaba, and production is scheduled to begin this summer. The new plant will utilize blast-furnace slag previously considered a waste product, and will produce cement 35 percent cheaper than present plants. Construction of the new factory will considerably increase cement production.

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MAKES NEW TYPE PORTABLE COMPRESSORS -- Budapest, Hirek a Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 5 Jan 51

The manufacture of dump trucks and the mass production of concrete pumps and new-type portable compressors for the construction industry has begun.

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